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Application No.: 10/018,738

Filing Date: April 4, 2002

Title: Composition and Method for Detecting and Early and Differentiated Counting of Gram-Negative Microorganisms

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: V. Afremova

Attorney Docket No.: LEXSA P-25

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AMENDMENT

This is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2003. The Applicant hereby requests an Extension of two (2) months in which to file this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account 10-0100 for Lackenbach Siegel, LLP. Please note that the two-month extension date of November 27, 2003 is a federal holiday, which allows for this Amendment to be filed on November 28, 2003.

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Attached is a copy of the December 2003 statement. I have highlighted the duplicate entries for 12/08/2003, fee code 1252, total amount \$820.

Kindly credit our deposit account 10/0100 in the amount of \$420, serial number 10/018,738, LEXSA.P25.

Please telephone me at (914) 723-4300, ext. 133, if I can be of any further assistance.

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